GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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DOWRY PROHIBITION ACT, 1961
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the incidents of killing of young girls for the sake of dowry have not declined in the country despite implementing the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961 and such incidents take place everyday in one or the other State;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether the Government are aware that some sanctions of the said Act are anomalous;

(d) if so, whether the Government propose to make any amendment in the act and procedures related to the dowry; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI JAS KAUR MEENA)

(a)&(b) As per the data compiled by the National Crimes Records Bureau (NCRB),Ministry of Home Affairs, the incidents of dowry deaths reported in the country during the years 2000, 2001 and 2002 are as follows:

Year	Number of dowry death cases reported
2000	6995
2001#	6553
2002#	5928 (upto available months)

figures are provisional

(c) No. Sir.

(d)&(e) Does not arise.